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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8334**  
Teruto HIROTA et al. : Docket No. 2000\_0660A  
Serial No. 09/580,601 : Group Art Unit 2131  
Filed May 26, 2000 : Examiner Michael R. Vaughan

A SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY CARD,  
PLAYBACK APPARATUS, RECORDING APPARATUS,  
PLAYBACK METHOD, RECORDING METHOD, AND  
COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
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RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2004, having a three (3) month shortened-statutory period for response set to expire March 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: